

HYBRIDIZATION COMMITTEE

Those who have hybridized hibiscus possess much information, either carried in their heads or in assorted personal records, that will be lost to future hybridizers. The Hybridizing Committee, a standing committee of AHS is attempting to put this information on permanent record, available to all potential hybridizers.

This committee consists of Harry R. Goulding, chairman; George P. Wright, coordinator; and Nat L. Shepard, secretary. A questionnaire has been sent to most of the known hybridizers asking for their assistance. If one is desired please contact the Executive Secretary and a supply will be sent. Some of the assets of the proposed hybridizing program are:

1. Save for posterity valuable secrets of the hybridizing art, now being lost for the present and the future.
2. Increase hybridizing skill in the A. H. S. by furnishing expert positive information to enhance chances for new, worthwhile, cultivars.
3. Develop enthusiasm for Hibiscus OUTSIDE THE A.H.S., AND IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, by careful distribution of quality seed.
4. Improve AHS shows by volume of superior bloom.
5. Enable A.H.S. members to enjoy the great personal satisfaction of creation, and increase their prestige in the Society and their community.
6. Enable the general membership of the A. H. S. to compete successfully in the seedling class; and to advance their sweepstakes chance with their new cultivars.
7. Improve the bonds of mutual assistance, friendship and understanding in the A. H. S. and the entire Hibiscus world.

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8. Keep all interested parties up to date on the latest, unique scientific developments in seed germination and seedling development.
9. Impress on all hybridizers the importance of keeping records, so they may "follow-up" successful cultivar crosses, and be recorded by the Nomenclature Coordinator.
10. Standardize hybridizing records by universal adoption of naming female parent first when listing ancestral line of descent.

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OFFICIAL CITY FLOWER

The City of North Miami have adopted the Hibiscus as the City's flower. Their Beautification Committee is planning to use the flower in all of its efforts.

"Mr. Hibiscus", past president W. Bruce Parnell, has been appointed as our representative to their committee. We know that he will do a fine job for them.

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CHAPTERS LOSE MEMBERS

The members of the James E. Hendry Chapter were saddened at the death of Mrs. James E. Hendry on December 2nd. Dot was the wife of the chapter namesake. Her many friends will miss her pleasant voice and happy smile.

The Putnam County Chapter lost one of its long time members at the passing of Mrs. Elzie Ammons recently. She will be missed at the chapter meetings and the shows.

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Luke at last has something in his car to keep it from freezing. . . . *she's* pretty, too.